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Subject: Rig Explosion on Lake Pontchartrain
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Carl,

Here is some additional information on the rig explosion:

- Time and location of Incident: At approximately 1918 CDT on 15 Oct, open source reports an Oil Rig caught fire and an explosion occurred on Lake Pontchartrain, LA. The rig is located 1.5 miles northwest of Kenner LA and the Treasure Chest Casino. Kenner Police, the U.S. Coast Guard and several boats in the area are responding. There were a total of 8 people on rig; 7 have been rescued and 1 is unaccounted for.
- Confirmed Fatalities/Injuries: No Fatalities reported at this time. Six persons have been transported to the hospital; severity of injuries is unknown. There's one person missing. Seven persons suffered blast-type injuries and burns; five are in critical condition at University Medical Center, two others are listed in stable condition at East Jefferson hospital. **The Coast Guard is coordinating the search efforts for a missing person.**
- Other pertinent information: The rig is reportedly operated by CLOVELLY OIL, Lot 41. Authorities report workers were cleaning a chemical on the platform when the explosion occurred. This platform is used as a transfer structure for oil wells on the lake.
- No current reports of air quality issues along the shoreline.
- Fire is not out; a low pressure fire continues to burn (small flame as opposed to what you saw on TV last night). A cold front has moved thru the area; winds are up ~20-25mph.

The USCG is conducting an overflight this morning and will keep us informed.

Ronnie